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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SECRETARY'S BILATERAL TALKS WITH LATIN  
AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. DURING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE, SECRETARY KISSINGER  
HELD BILATERAL TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS DE LA FLOR OF PERU,  
CARVAJAL OF CHILE, VIGNES OF ARGENTINA, ESCOVAR OF VENEZUELA,  
SILVEIRA OF BRAZIL, BLANCO OF URUGUAY AND LIEVANO OF COLOMBIA.  
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAJOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES  
COVERED DURING THESE MEETINGS.

2. SECRETARY'S TRIP: THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED GENERAL UNDER-  
STANDING OF THE OVERRIDING REASONS REQUIRING CANCELLATION OF  
THE SECRETARY'S TRIP. THE SECRETARY TOLD SILVEIRA, DE LA FLOR,  
VIGNES AND ESCOVAR THAT HE WAS CONTEMPLATING A VISIT TO THEIR  
COUNTRIES IN AUGUST.

3. PANAMA: THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED TO BOTH VIGNES AND  
ESCOVAR THAT THE TREATY NEEDED CAREFUL HANDLING IN TERMS OF  
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FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE  
VIABILITY OF ANY NEW TREATY. HE SAID THE U.S. WAS ATTEMPTING  
TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT  
LATIN AMERICAN PRESSURE WAS DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT DESIRABLE.

LIEVANO URGED SECRETARY TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND COMMENTED ON THE SATISFACTORY WAY IN WHICH THE USG HANDLED THE CANAL ISSUE AT THE OASGA.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE: WITH CARVAJAL, THE SECRETARY STRESSED OUR DOMESTIC PROBLEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, RECOGNIZED THE FORWARD MOVEMENT THE CHILEANS HAD MADE AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER PROGRESS. HE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT AT THE OASGA BUT WOULD NOT HARASS THE CHILEANS. CARVAJAL SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AT THE OASGA BUT TO REFER IT TO THE UNHCR WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT CHILE NEXT MONTH.

5. ARMS TRANSFERS TO CHILE: CARVAJAL ASKED FOR SECRETARY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DEFENSIVE WEAPONS. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL ON TOW MISSILES AND AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS.

6. THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC: WITH DE LA FLOR, THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS DISTRESSED BY THE GROWING RHETORIC OF CONFRONTATION AND THE RIGIDITY CHARACTERISTIC OF THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC. HE THOUGHT CONFRONTATION WOULD BE A DISASTER. THE SECRETARY PROTESTED THE GOP'S EXCESSIVE PRAISE FOR THE COMMUNIST VICTORY IN VIETNAM. DE LA FLOR EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THIS, CLAIMING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD LONG SUPPORTED THE "LIBERATION" OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WHILE OPPOSING COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY.

7. PERUVIAN PRESS ATTACKS: THE SECRETARY OBJECTED TO PERUVIAN PRESS ATTACKS ALLEGING CIA INTERFERENCE IN PERU. HE ASSURED DE LA FLOR THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES AGAINST PERU.

8. VENEZUELAN ROLE: ESCOVAR STRESSED NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AS THE GOAL OF IRON ORE AND PETROLEUM NATIONALIZATION. THE SECRETARY REASSURED ESCOVAR ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD VENEZUELA'S NEW ROLE, STATING THAT A STRONG VENEZUELA  
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WAS IN THE U.S. INTEREST AND THAT WE WERE NOT TRYING TO SPLIT VENEZUELA FROM HER FRIENDS. HE INDICATED OUR SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION AND STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH VENEZUELA PRIOR TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. THE SECRETARY PROPOSED TO ESCOVAR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL MECHANISM TO DISCUSS SUCH TOPICS AS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND OCCASIONALLY POLITICAL ITEMS. ESCOVAR WELCOMED THIS.

9. NEW ECONOMIC ORDER: THE SECRETARY TOLD ESCOVAR THAT US UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR THE US TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH THE WORLD'S ECONOMY, BUT IN DOING SO BLOC CONFRONTATION MUST BE AVOIDED.

10. UN SPECIAL SESSION: SILVEIRA SAID HE THOUGHT SPECIAL SESSION WOULD PROBABLY BE A MESS. HE INDICATED THAT BRAZIL HAD WANTED TO GET OIL AND ENERGY DISCUSSED FIRST, BUT THAT IT WAS PROBABLY BETTER TO LET THE LDC'S TALK ABOUT THEIR MAJOR CONCERNS SO THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE RELAXED DURING THE SESSION. THE SECRETARY OPPOSED PUTTING RAW MATERIALS ON THE AGENDA AND TOLD SILVEIRA THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS RAW MATERIALS IN ANOTHER FORUM, POSSIBLY AT A REASSEMBLED PREPCON.

11. OIL AND MIDDLE EAST: SILVEIRA THOUGHT THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WAS THE CAUSE OF HIGH OIL PRICES AND THAT THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION, AS THE ONLY POSSIBLE GUARANTORS OF A SETTLEMENT, HAD TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THERE WERE OTHER REASONS FOR THE PRICE INCREASE AND THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NOT EASY TO NEGOTIATE WITH.

12. CUBA: BLANCO SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS CAPABLE OF DEFENDING ITSELF AGAINST PURELY INTERNAL SUBVERSION, BUT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXPORT OF SUBVERSION FROM CUBA. THE SECRETARY STRESSED, AS HE HAD WITH OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE IMPORTANCE OF OAS MEMBERS KEEPING IN STEP ON HOW TO HANDLE CUBA PROBLEM AND AGREEING COLLECTIVELY ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN. HE TOLD BLANCO THAT SERIATIM RECOGNITION BY MEMBER STATES WOULD WEAKEN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. LIEVANO AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY THAT RESOLUTION OF THE CUBA SANCTIONS ISSUE SHOULD BE ACHIEVED AT THE JULY MEETING IN COSTA RICA. INGERSOLL

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